

REPUBLICAN FOXES ALKBT.

The Indiana Blocks of Five Idea Enlarged to Be Put in Force at Once—Editorials From Headquarters Proposed—Simpson in Control.

Special correspondence to the Kansas City Star. Topeka, Kan., July 15.—The Republican candidates met their central committee yesterday afternoon and organized for the campaign. Jim Simpson, of McPherson county, was elected chairman, and Frank L. Brown, of Garnett, secretary. The campaign decided upon was of the Indiana variety, with blocks of twenty instead of blocks of five for voting squads.

After the candidates had met in the Copeland parlors and decided upon the chairman and secretary they made their report to the committee, and then some one called for suggestions from the candidates. Ex-Governor Anthony, the nominee for congressman at large, responded to the invitation. He said he regretted that outsiders had made their way into the committee rooms, for this might be the only opportunity he could have of speaking to the entire committee. However, there were some things which might as well be recognized. The Republicans had a hard fight on their hands and should organize to meet it.

AFTER THE INDIANA FASHION.

There was one thing he wanted to suggest, Mr. Anthony said, and that was the organization of the state in voting squads or "blocks of five," if the committee pleased. There had been lots of nonsense written about this sort of campaign organization. It was the only sensible thing to do, but he would suggest squads of twenty. It would not be necessary to speak of them as "blocks of twenty." The idea was to have one Republican in each voting squad of twenty who would be held responsible for the manner in which all voted, and who would see that they came out to the polls. This work should be placed in the hands of a sub-committee of three selected from an executive committee of nine, and should have the best politicians in the party.

In addition to this idea Governor Anthony had another. It was to have a state convention of Republican editors under the control of the central committee, and an organization perfected by which one committee could draft short editorials of one stick or perhaps two, and have them appear each week, the central committee paying for the composition and such other compensation as might be agreed upon. The haphazard way in which the Republican papers had been conducting the canvass should be stopped, and they should be shown that it was not smart to make flimsy at such Republican measures as the McKinley bill.

The convention of editors provided for will be selected by senatorial districts, and one editor will represent each district.

SIMPSON WILL RUN THINGS.

There was nothing left for the central committee to do in the selection of officers. The candidates took the whole matter in charge. Lynch, candidate for treasurer, Bruce, the candidate for auditor, and Davis, the candidate for school superintendent, wanted Dr. Biddle, of Emporia, but five candidates stood by Simpson, and he was reported as the unanimous choice. There were several candidates for secretary, but Frank L. Brown was agreed upon as a compromise. For assistant secretary Louis Sears, chief clerk in the secretary of state's office, was chosen.

After the evening session the following executive committee was elected, of which the chairman and secretary of the

general committee are ex-officio members: At large, E. B. Whaley, of Topeka; Dr. T. C. Biddle, of Emporia; M. W. Levy, of Wichita, and G. L. Cates, of Kansas City, Kan.; First district, Frank Crowell, of Atchison; Second district, John H. Madden, of Mound City; Third, Charles Yoe, of Independence; Fourth, J. M. Miller, of Council Grove; Fifth, T. L. Bond, of Salina; Sixth, C. B. Daughters, of Lincoln; Seventh, W. F. Edmonds, of Kinsley.

BLOCKS OF TWENTY WILL GO.

The executive committee did not adjourn until late, and discussed at length the various plans submitted for organization. Governor Anthony's suggestion to divide the state into blocks of twenty was given careful consideration, and in accordance with his idea, the sub-committee of three was appointed to see that the work was carried out. This committee will consist of E. B. Whaley, of Topeka, Frank L. Brown, of Garnett, and Dr. Biddle, of Emporia. If there are any intensely practical politicians in Kansas, the gentlemen who have been given the shaping of these blocks are they. Whaley is a ward organizer in Topeka, Brown had given evidences of rare cunning in the Second district fights, and Biddle is a new man to state politics by whom Lyon county politicians swear. The committee will probably have its headquarters at the southwest corner of Ninth street and Kansas avenue.

At the ratification meeting last night speeches were made by ex-Governor Anthony, J. R. Burton, A. W. Smith and B. K. Bruce.

Republican Ratification Notes.

The chairman and "Farmer" Smith at the Republican ratification meeting on Thursday evening in this city, made quite a display of the ensanguined under garment, but somehow it failed to call forth the expected response from the audience.

—There was the least enthusiasm at this meeting that we have witnessed at any political gathering of any party for a long time. Even the speakers were unable to enthuse, and the response from the audience was very feeble. Something was evidently wrong with the crowd.

—A good crowd assembled at the meeting in the early part of the evening, but its staying qualities were not up to the regulation standard. Even before the close of Anthony's address people began leaving in squads, and the squads were not small, either.

—Mr. Burton during his speech expressed a fervent wish that he could have that audience out in the Fifth district. He will undoubtedly have the same longing for an audience in the Fifth district many times during the campaign. His remark was an unintentional confession of the condition of his party out there where he is looking for votes.

—When someone called for Col. Tomlinson the chairman said it was time to go home, and the audience agreed with him and went.

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THE MONSTER FRAUD OF THE AGE.

In no civilized country on the face of God's earth was there ever organized among men a combination so destructive to legitimate journalism, so prejudicial to a transmission of legitimate information, so capable of moulding public sentiment in the wrong direction and imposing incalculable misfortunes upon the masses, as that combination known on this continent as the Associated Press.

With a complete monopoly of all the news of the country, an unlimited power to suppress or distort facts; with every inducement to pander to and become the tools of political conspirators and capitalistic rogues; armed with an arbitrary power to crush out every species of competition; bankrupt such newspapers as are at war with its methods, and supplant legitimate journalism by the establishment of a phalanx of dictatorial personal organs, under a spoils seeking management; it must be regarded by all thinking persons as capable of becoming the most dangerous and relentless foe to civilization that has ever existed among mankind.

A robber who should buy up the potatoes and bread in a community, stand off all legitimate competition with a club, and substitute saw dust for a diet, would be killed by the infuriated populace without delay; but a corner on news, a stab at mental liberty, placing a bludgeon in the hands of an unscrupulous aristocracy, with which to maul the intelligence out of labor; placing the reading public at the mercy of soulless political leaders—seem by common consent to be privileges conferred upon a few pampered political pets, which are more extraordinary and more monstrous than anything in the world's history.

Let a Wall street Shylock sneeze, Cleveland go a fishing, Sullivan get drunk, or Jay Gould's bull pup have a fit, when forthwith, to the exclusion of everything which interests humanity, this all important news is flashed across this continent at any cost, and published in all the papers under its thumb as literature for the home and mental food for the rising generation; but trifles like railroad wrecks, where humanity is crushed to death by carloads to appease the greed of railroad kings, robbing Credit Mobilier rings, conspiracies to wipe out our national money and fund the debt into gold bearing bonds for toil and grief to liquidate; demonetization of silver, that national banks may grow fat from the sweat of labor,—these may be suppressed with safety.

Not content to furnish its news without discrimination, and at the same price to all alike, it creates pools and monopolies among the favored flunkies in each of our large cities, and for enormous prices paid, confers upon a comparatively small number of papers the privilege of these options and favors, from which all others are precluded.

Persons armed with these indulgences are thus placed beyond competition, and licensed under the name of political or party journals, to conduct sheets so notoriously undeserving of patronage as to require lottery schemes, gift enterprises, and the donation of dowdy chromos to perpetuate their existence.

Meanwhile legitimate journalism goes begging, and the only editorials in these great (?) dailies which create the least suspicion of intelligence behind them are the half suppressed utterances of the real ability in this once noble profession, which now crouches as hired men under the iron heel of a brutal and brainless aristocracy.

Hence our political dailies, our metropolitan journals, the "great educators,"

self styled, with their flaming headlines of brutal dog fights, and columns devoted to lascivious advertisements, or to details of beastly and criminal slugging matches, are thrust into our homes as "moral reform sheets," "religious journals," for the improvement and elevation of our families, and forced upon society as maliciously and feloniously as a rape is perpetrated upon a defenseless woman.

And now, after twenty years of unparalleled prosperity, after unbounded wealth has been taken from our old fields, and the mineral regions have given up untold millions of wealth; in a country whose agricultural and pastoral regions are unsurpassed by any on earth; among a people who have enjoyed peace and prosperity and labored incessantly; under administrations which for twenty years have imposed upon the people the most onerous burdens of taxation,—we find we have 9,000,000 mortgages on our homes; we are \$48,000,000,000 in debt; we pay \$2,000,000,000 interest yearly; our public lands have all been given to thieves, and our poor people are buying them back for homes, paying big interest. We had 13,000 business failures in America last year. Every private business among us is paralyzed, except banking and money lending, and 2,000,000 tramps howl with hunger at the gates of millionaires, yet the blatant demagogues of the two old political parties still presume enough upon the prejudices and stupidity of the American people to believe that they will, in the coming election, lend their aid to a continuance of this hell-begotten system.—Z. Shedd in the Age.

Alliance Notice.

Leavenworth County Farmer's Alliance and Industrial Union will hold its regular quarterly meeting at Tonganoxie, Kansas, July 23, 1892. New officers will be elected for the ensuing year. Each sub-Alliance is expected to send a full delegation to said meeting.

O. W. BISSETT,
County Secretary.

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Veterans' Return to Washington.

The Grand Army encampment at Washington in September will be the occasion of the re-union of thousands of veterans who parted in that city in 1865, after the grand review following the surrender at Appomattox and the capitulation of Richmond. Again after a lapse of 27 years, thousands of veterans will march down Pennsylvania avenue to be reviewed again by the president of the United States, members of his cabinet, and other distinguished personages. It will be a spectacle seldom equaled in the magnificence of the display and in the number of men participating. Excursion tickets to Washington via the Baltimore & Ohio railroad will be sold by all the roads in the west at exceedingly low rates. The chief delight of the trip to Washington will be the journey via the picturesque Baltimore & Ohio, which crosses the Allegheny mountains and for 250 miles traverses territory fraught with the most thrilling incidents of the war. For more detailed information as to time of trains, rates and sleeping car accommodations, apply to L. S. Allen, Asst. Gen. Passenger Agent, The Rookery, Chicago. Upon application, Chas. O. Scull, Gen. Passenger Agent, Baltimore, Md., will send free of charge a handsomely illustrated guide to Washington.